

CITY OF DUPONT'S WEEKLY BITS & BYTES

Friday, November 3, 2023



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF DUPONT



RONALD J. FREDERICK MAYOR

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining our freedoms and way of life; and

WHEREAS, tens of millions of Americans have served in the Armed Forces of the United States during the past century; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of Americans have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces during the past century; and

WHEREAS, our state is home to more than 525,000 veterans, 65,000 Active-Duty military, 17,500 National Guard and Reserves, and their families; and

WHEREAS, our veterans are brave and selfless individuals who, when duty called, willingly put themselves in harm's way to defend the lives and liberty of others; and

WHEREAS, their abiding patriotism and enduring devotion to the ideals on which the United States is founded can never fail to inspire us; and

WHEREAS, our veterans understand the important task before the American service men and women now keeping watch; and

WHEREAS, all Washingtonians must strive to ensure that ours remains a land worthy of the great love our veterans have shown for it.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronald J. Frederick, Mayor of DuPont, WA, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2023, as

"Veterans Day"

in the City of DuPont, and I encourage all people in our city to acknowledge and honor the contributions of our veterans to the principles of democracy, individual freedom, and human rights.

Signed this 1st day of November 2023

VETERANS DAY FACTS:

Veterans Day was originally called Armistice Day because it marked the one-year anniversary of the temporary cessation of hostilities between the Allied nations and Germany during World War I. That armistice went into effect at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918.

In 1926, Congress passed a resolution to make Veterans Day an annual occurrence, but it didn't become a federal holiday until 1938.

In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower changed the name from Armistice Day to Veterans Day so it would honor all veterans rather than commemorate the end of a single war.

Officially, Veterans Day is always Nov. 11. But holiday office closures may shift when Veterans Day lands on a weekend. If Nov. 11 is a Sunday, businesses may observe the holiday the following day. If it lands on a Saturday, businesses might close on Friday instead.

In 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Holidays Act, which put Veterans Day on the fourth Monday in October. It took effect in 1971, but in 1975, President Gerald Ford signed a law returning it to Nov. 11.

Parks and Recreation





All are invited to attend the City of DuPont's Annual Tree Lighting that is scheduled for **Friday**, **December 1**st. We will light our community tree at 6 PM at Ross Plaza along Wilmington Drive in our business district. Special thanks to Mince Mercantile for providing holiday treats and cocoa for the community. Bundle up and join the fun!

Santa Breakfast!

December 2, 2023, 10:00 AM

Purchase your tickets today for the City of DuPont's Annual Santa Breakfast! Santa has a special place for DuPont in his heart! He makes sure to stop by every year for some yummy pancakes at the Home Course, pictures with all the good boys and girls and of course to listen to their Christmas wish list.

Tickets are \$18 + tax, 2 & under are free.

Sign up today!

https://www.dupontwa.gov/195/Events



Recreation & Activities | DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)

2023/2024 Dance Classes

Registration for the 2023/2024 dance season is open with Valor School of Dance! Parks & Recreation is pleased to partner with Valor for another year of quality dance instruction for our families right here in DuPont at our Community Center in historic DuPont. Our dance program continues to grow at astonishing rates and we are expanding our programs to meet the need. Registration info can be found here: Classes | DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)

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SEEKING APPLICANTS FOR SEVERAL MUNICIPAL AGENCY POSITIONS

The City of DuPont seeks citizens to fill vacant positions of several municipal agencies. One of these positions is currently vacant, while others are currently filled but will expire at the end of this year.

Municipal Commission Openings



Planning Commission - The purpose of the Planning Commission is to advise the City Council on general land use, growth management, long-range capital improvement plans, and transportation planning.

Tree Advisory Commission - The purpose of the Tree Advisory Commission is to advise and provide information to the Mayor and Council related to urban forestry and help meet the requirements of the Tree City USA program.

Lodging Tax Advisory Committee - The Lodging Tax Advisory Committee oversees the LTAC grant program which is related to tourism development and promotion and made possible through taxes paid by consumers when they stay in paid lodging in the City of DuPont. LTAC grants are available to non-profits and public agencies. The committee reviews LTAC grant applications and recommends grant awards to the City Council for approval.

For citizens interested in applying, detailed information about each agency's responsibilities and meeting times can be found on the City's website at https://www.dupontwa.gov/83/Commissions. The deadline to submit an application is **November 15, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.**

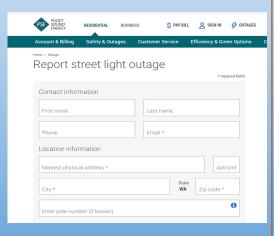
The current application can be found at https://www.dupontwa.gov/512/Vacancies.

PLEASE NOTE: If you currently hold a position and your term expires in 2023, and if you are eligible, you will need to reapply to fulfill another term. You may not use your previous application on file; the application has been updated and a new application is required.



Street Light Outages

Do you see a broken or dark street light? Did you know that Puget Sound Energy maintains these lights? The most direct way to report an issue is to go directly to the Puget Sound Energy link PSE | Report a Street Light Problem, and complete the form. There is other helpful information on the City's website under "How Do I?".



City News

Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Grant Applications Now Open!

City of DuPont LTAC grant applications (for activities in 2024) will be accepted from October 23, 2023, until November 8, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered for grant funding. To apply, click here.

LTAC grant funding is available to non-profits and public agencies for projects that assist with tourism development and promotion in the City of DuPont. The grant program is made possible through taxes paid by consumers when they stay in paid lodging in the City of DuPont and overseen by the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

Lodging **Tax Advisory** Committee Grant **Applications**



To learn more about LTAC Grants read the Grant Guidelines (PDF). More information can be found on the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Page.

DuPont Historical Museum





Historical Society Book Signing Letters from Baghdad

Coming in November, former DuPont Mayor Mike Courts will be conducting a book signing for his new book Letters from Baghdad Vol. 1: Tea with Terrorists. The book dives into Col (Ret) Courts' first year in Baghdad and gives insights into the daily life of a staff officer. The event will be held on Nov. 6th at 7pm at the DuPont Historical Museum. This event is open to the public and there is no cost to attend. For more information visit the museum website at:

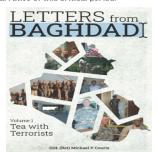
https://www.dupontmuseum.com/events

DuPont Historical Museum honors Veterans Day

Reading & book signing by Mike Courts

Letters from Baghdad Vol. 1 chronicles COL (Ret) Mike Courts' first year in Baghdad 2006-07.

Mike describes his team and life working in the "The Palace." Told in real time. Letters from Baghdad combines the serious issues of the war, insights into daily life of a staff officer, and humor into a compelling narrative of this critical period.



7:00 p.m. Monday, Nov. 6, 2023 DuPont Museum 207 Barksdale Ave. DuPont WA

A resident of DuPont, Mike Courts was raised in an Army family and graduated from the US Military Academy at West Point. Mike is a caree Army Aviator who has two tours each in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Iraq. Hawas DuPont City Councilman 2012-15 and Mayor 2016-19. He is married Robbie B. Courts and has two children.



DupontHistoricalMuseum@gmail.com (253) 820-3656 www.dupontmuseum.com



AUGUST 2023

I-5 - Mounts Rd. to Steilacoom-DuPont Rd. Corridor Improvements

Beginning in late summer 2023, contractor crews working for the Washington State Department of Transportation will begin construction on Interstate 5 in DuPont near Joint Base Lewis-McChord. This is the third in a series of projects that widens I-5 to add HOV lanes between DuPont and Lakewood.

Improvements coming to DuPont and JBLM

In addition to extending the I-5 HOV lanes, construction crews will make improvements that enhance mobility and safety in DuPont and near the JBLM DuPont Gate at exit 119, including:

- A new bridge spanning I-5 and the railroad.
 The new bridge will feature a partial Diverging Diamond Interchange and a shared-use path for pedestrians and bicyclists between JBLM and DuPont.
- Direct access between JBLM and both directions of I-5
- A new roundabout connecting Steilacoom-DuPont Road and the new overpass.

The project will also add a new signal at the intersection of the southbound I-5 off-ramp at Mounts Road (exit 116) and improve the I-5 vertical clearance over Pendleton Avenue.

What you can expect

Construction will begin in summer 2023 and is expected to be complete in 2026. The project consists of multiple stages that involve overnight and weekend ramp closures, lane shifts onto temporary pavement, potential speed limit reductions, and bicycle and pedestrian detours. Crews will contain dust and debris to the construction site and will minimize noise as much

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DuPont

Joint Base Lewis-McChord

The project extends HOV lanes in both directions into DuPont.

Stay connected

Follow us on Twitter @WSDOT_Tacoma

Check out our Facebook page: facebook.com/WSDOT

Project hotline: 206-467-2171

Scan the QR code or visit: wsdot. wa.gov/construction-planning/ search-projects/i-5-mounts-rdsteilacoom-dupont-rd-corridorimprovements



For updated weekly ramp and lane

closure schedules, visit: wsdot.com/Travel/Real-time/

as practical. Clear signage will indicate required detours throughout the project.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Information: This material can be made available in an alternate format by emailing the Office of Equity and Civil Rights at wsdotada@wsdot. wa.gov or by calling toll free, 855-362-4ADA(4232). Persons who are deaf or hard of hearing may make a request by calling the Washington State Relay at 711.

Title VI Notice to Public: It is the Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) policy to assure that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise discriminated against under any of its programs and activities. Any person who believes his/her Title VI protection has been violated, may file a complaint with WSDOT's Office of Equity and Civil Rights (OECR). For additional information regarding Title VI complaint procedures and/or information regarding our non-discrimination obligations, please contact OECR's Title VI Coordinator at (360) 705-7090. 23-08-0293

WSDOT: I-5 Mounts Rd to Steilacoom-DuPont Road Corridor Improvements outreach links:

Online open house:

https://engage.wsdot.wa.gov/i-5-mounts-to-steilacoom-dupont-rd/

WSDOT Blog:

https://wsdotblog.blogspot.com/2023/09/i-5-hov-dupont-jblm.html

YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IIDRY3j6DNI&t=1s

The WSDOT Facebook page also has a post linking the blog and online open house:

https://www.facebook.com/WSDOT/

Public Services

TRAFFIC ALERT!

A Comcast contractor is scheduled to do work in the right-of-way in a section of Center Drive from October 9th - November 10th. They will also be directing traffic on DuPont-Steilacoom Road for turns onto Center Drive. Their work hours will be 7:30 AM – 3:00 PM. Westbound Center Drive and northbound DuPont-Steilacoom Road will be reduced to one lane during these times. Please be cautious, patient, and follow all traffic instructions in this work zone. Thank you for your patience!





Public Services

Fall Leaves

We'll all agree the fall-colored leaves bring added beauty to the wonderful City of DuPont, yet they also cause a lot of yard work. Please be responsible for the leaves that fall in your yard and on the sidewalks in front of your homes, and do not blow them into the street. Instead, please put them in your yard waste receptacles. Work with your neighbors to make sure storm drains are clear. Keeping leaves raked and cleaned up will keep gutters and streets from filling up with water. Street sweepers will be coming by in the coming weeks (please see schedule below), so let's do our part to help ensure the streets are clear of leaves and debris. Thank you, residents!



2023 Street Sweeping

Below is the street sweeping schedule for October and November. The schedule is subject to change if the sweeper breaks down or the schedule unexpectedly changes.

October 23 – 27

Wilmington Drive
Center Drive
Yehle Village
Hoffman Hill

October 30 - November 3

Wilmington Drive Steilacoom/DuPont Road Palisade Division

<u>November 6 – 9 (Holiday 11/10)</u>

Center Drive
McNeil St.
Historic Village
Bell Hill
Edmond Village
Savannah Oaks
El Rancho Madronna

November 13 - 17

Wilmington Drive
Palisade Division
Yehle Village
Hoffman Hill

November 20 - 22 (Holiday 11/23 & 11/24)

Wilmington Drive Center Drive McNeil St.

November 27 - December 1

Steilacoom/DuPont Rd.
Historic Village
Bell Hill
Edmond Village
Savannah Oaks
El Rancho Madronna



CITY OF DUPONT WATER MAIN FLUSHING



The City of DuPont periodically flushes the pipes in our water system to remove rust and sediment, which helps ensure you receive clean, reliable water. Flushing forces high-velocity flows through the pipes and out through fire hydrants. Along with scouring the inside of water mains, this also helps us find and repair malfunctioning valves and hydrants before they cause problems. Water department crews will likely begin flushing in October 2023 and should complete the program in early 2024.

What to Expect-

- During flushing, you might see utility crews working at hydrants and valves in intersections and at the end of cul-de-sacs.
- Your water pressure may decrease during flushing, and you may see discoloration. This is temporary, not harmful and should clear up quickly.
- Avoid running the tap or turning on appliances that use water, such as dishwashers and clothes washers, when flushing is happening in your area.
- If you get discolored water or find sediment in your water, remove any aerators from your faucets and run the cold tap for a few minutes or until the water runs clear.
- Make sure your first load of laundry after flushing is dark clothes only.

If you have questions during normal business hours about our flushing programs, or if your water does not clear up within a short time after flushing is completed, please contact our Water Quality Section at (253) 964 -8121 or publicworks@dupontwa.gov.

After business hours, call the Public Works Afterhours Emergency Contact Line at (253) 912-5389.

DuPont Parks & Trails

Did you know the City of DuPont has over 12 miles of maintained trails and nearly 20 developed park spaces? Or that there is a Community Garden or an off-leash dog park? You can discover all these places and more by using our City website's Parks & Facilities portal! The City Parks and the City Trails links use the same master search function that allows you to search by amenities or even trail difficulty! Whatever you select as a feature, only parks or trails that have that feature will populate! Looking for an easy trail with a water view? Select "water view" and "trail-easy," which will only bring up those trails! Are you looking for a park with a playground but also a bathroom? Search both of those features, and only those specific parks will show.

Discover a new park, a trail, or Community Garden, and explore these portals! https://dupontwa.gov/198/ Parks-Facilities





DuPont Fire Department

Response Information: The table below shows general responses. Details, if needed, are listed to better explain the response. The yellow highlighted areas in the "Current" column are statistics from the past week and the "Year" statistics include all responses since January 1st of this year.



(Category) Description	Details	Current	Year
(10) Fire, other			4
(11) Structure Fire	No Damage	1	5
(13) Mobile property (vehicle) fire			7
(14) Natural vegetation fire			11
(15) Outside rubbish fire			0
(25) Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition			1
(30) Rescue, emergency medical call (EMS), other			2
(31) Medical assist			16
(32.1) Emergency medical service (EMS) incident		16	514
(32.2) Motor vehicle accident with injuries			33
(33) Lock-In			0
(35) Extrication, rescue			1
(36) Water or ice-related rescue			2
(40) Flammable gas or liquid condition, other			0
(41) Combustible/flammable spills & leaks			6
(42) Chemical Release, reaction or toxic condition			3
(44) Electrical wiring/equipment problem			1
(50) Service call, other		1	47
(51) Person in distress			9
(52) Water Problem			1
(53) Smoke, odor problem			2
(54) Animal problem or rescue			1
(55) Public service assistance		1	35
(56) Unauthorized burning			1
(60) Good intent call, other			9
(61) Dispatched and canceled en route			44
(62) Wrong location, no emergency found			2
(65) Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke			12
(66) EMS call-transported by non-fire agency			1
(70) False alarm and false call, other			14
(71) Malicious, mischievous false alarm		1	4
(73) System or detector malfunction			31
(74) Unintentional system/detector operation (no fire)		1	15
(91) Citizen complaint			2
Unknown			0
TOTALS		21	836

Transport	Current	Year
Allenmore		1
Madigan	2	105
Mary Bridge	4	59
St. Clare	3	110
St. Joseph	1	36
St. Peters		10
Tacoma General	1	14
TOTAL	11	335

ALS	13	343
BLS	3	203

Calls by time of day (8-hr blocks):		
0000-0759	6	169
0800-1649	9	396
1700-2359	6	271
TOTAL	21	836

Calls by day of the week:		
Sunday	3	97
Monday	2	102
Tuesday	3	116
Wednesday	5	150
Thursday	4	143
Friday	4	116
Saturday	0	112
TOTAL	21	836

Mutual Aid / Multiple Calls:		
DPF Received	1	60
DPF Provided	1	51
Multiple Calls	1	99



Safety Message - Daylight Saving Safety Tips

Safety Tip #1 - Check Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

There are increased carbon monoxide poisoning risks with the use of fireplaces, gas-fired furnaces, and space heaters. You should replace the batteries in all of your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Replace any smoke detector that is older than 10 years; and carbon monoxide detectors that are older than 5. (Bonus Tip: Be sure to also check and recharge your fire extinguishers!)

Bonus Safety Tips from the National Fire Protection Association:

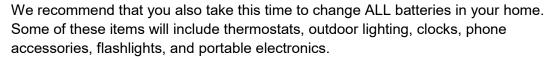
- Your home should have smoke alarms on every level, outside each sleeping area, and inside each bedroom.
- For the best protection, interconnect the alarms, so when one sounds, they all sound.
- Test all smoke alarms at least monthly by pushing the test button.
- In the event of a fire, a working smoke alarm and a well-practiced fire escape plan can mean the difference between life and death.



DuPont Fire Department

Safety Message - Daylight Saving Safety Tips Continued.....

Safety Tip #2 – Change All Batteries in Your Home





Safety Tip #3 – Throw Away Expired Medications

Expiration dates DO matter when it comes to medications, prescribed and over-the-counter. Serious problems can be caused by taking very common expired over-the-counter medication. Check out what the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recommends discarding unused medications.



Safety Tip #4 – Prepare a Winter Emergency Kit for Your Home

This is a great time to create or restock your home winter preparedness kit. It should include flashlights, batteries, matches, a manual can opener, first-aid kit, unexpired medications, battery-powered radio, extra pillows and blankets, and a list of emergency contact numbers.

Safety Tip #5 – Prepare a Winter Emergency Kit for Your Car

You not only want to prepare for an emergency in your home, but you also want to be sure that you are prepared in case of an emergency while in your car. For a proper car winter preparedness kit, we recommend it include: Tire chains, flares, flashlight, batteries, warm clothes, blanket, water, non-perishable snacks, shovel, reflective hazard triangle, jumper cables, sand for traction, winter hat and gloves.



Safety Tip #6 – Check Outside for Hazardous Material (paints, lawn and garden chemicals, fertilizers)

One possible overlooked safety check is the outside of your home and storage areas. These should be checked for hazardous materials. Materials that are outdated, unused or in poor condition should be properly discarded. Any others should be moved out of the reach of children and pets.

Community News



DuPont Police Department



Weekly Activity Report

Duty * Professionalism * Dedication



Total Calls for Service 10/23/23 – 10/29/23: 232 Average per day: 33.14

The "Total Calls for Service" statistic above includes, but is not limited to, the following incidents:

EMERGENCY & PATROL INCIDENTS

- 05 Agency Assist
- 06 Citizen Assist
- 11 Community Oriented Policing
- 02 Domestic Violence Verbal
- 03 Motor Vehicle Collision
- 01 Suspicious Person
- 65 Traffic Stops
- 01 Traffic Complaint
- 01 Threats (under investigation)
- 04 Unwanted Person/Loiterer
- 01 Unsheltered Individual
- 03 Welfare Check

PROPERTY & OTHER CRIMES

- 01 Motor Vehicle Collision/Hit & Run
- 01 Theft from Vehicle catalytic converter
- 01 Vandalism



DEPARTMENT NEWS

- Officer supported the annual DuPont Fire Department Pumpkin Patch, handing out trick-or-treat bags and engaging with the community.
- DuPont officers greeted students, parents, and staff at the local schools.

REPORTING AN INCIDENT? NEED AN OFFICER?

- To report an emergency, dial 9-1-1
- To report a non-emergency, dial (253) 287-4455
- If you aren't sure, let us help you by dialing (253) 964 -7060

If you have non-urgent questions, suggestions, want to file a complaint or commend a D.P.D. staff member, we appreciate the opportunity to assist you. You may reach us via email at Police@dupontwa.gov or by telephone at (253) 964-7060.

DOWNLOAD THE DUPONT POLICE APP TODAY!







City Council and Calendars

11/14/2023 - Next Regular Council Meeting

Helpful Meeting Links:

City of DuPont Meetings can be watched live or later at:
City's YouTube channel: (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI-nrLK1wNfpq3 CeNJw40A).



- ♦ Regular Council Meetings can be watched live or later at the City's YouTube channel and/or at: Pierce County TV (https://www.piercecountytv.org/1306/DuPont-Live-Meetings).
- Agendas, once published, are officially posted on the bulletin board at City Hall and available at the following link: https://dupont.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/777/.
- ♦ Minutes, after they are passed, are available at: https://dupont.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/7/.

Regular City Council meetings begin at 6:00 PM on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

Published agendas can be found on the website's homepage; click on the meeting date on the City of DuPont Calendar and then "**Download Agenda**".

Download Agenda



Date	Time	UPCOMING MEETINGS
11/10/2023		City Hall CLOSED
11/13/2023	5:00 PM	Tree Advisory Commission Meeting
11/13/2023	6:30 PM	Planning Commission Meeting
11/14/2023	11:00 AM	Civil Service Commission
11/14/2023	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting
11/23-11/24/23		City Hall CLOSED in celebration of Thanksgiving
11/27/2023	6:00 PM	Planning Commission Special Meeting
11/28/2023	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting

Date	ACTIVITIES - SAVE THE DATE!	Location/Information
11/6/2023	Reading & Book Signing	https://www.dupontmuseum.com/events
11/19/2023	Board Game Day	https://www.dupontmuseum.com/events
12/1/2023	Annual Tree Lighting	Save the Date!
12/2/2023	Santa Breakfast	https://www.dupontwa.gov/195/Events
12/17/2023	Board Game Day	https://www.dupontmuseum.com/events

UPCOMING OFFICE CLOSURES

Reminder: City Hall will be closed November 10th in honor of Veterans Day and November 23rd and 24th in celebration of Thanksgiving.

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